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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner, which includes information cited in the specification and in the International Search Report for International Application No.

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Applicants bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner, which were cited in the International Search Report. Copies of the International Search Report in English and Japanese were already enclosed when entering the National Stage on September 14, 2006:

- (1) JP 2003-63952 A, May 5, 2003; accompanied by an English language Abstract;
- (2) JP 2000-42401 A, February 15, 2000; accompanied by an English language Abstract; and
- (3) JP 11-209784 A, August 3, 1999; accompanied by an English language Abstract.

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the specification of the present application:

- (4) Japanese Patent Publication (Kokoku) JP 41-1415 B, 1966; accompanied by an English language Abstract; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 1, line 17;
- (5) Japanese Patent Publication (Kokai) JP 50-110403 A, 1975; accompanied by an English language Abstract; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 1, line 21;
- (6) Japanese Patent Publication (Kokai) JP 63-309141 A, 1988; accompanied by an English language Abstract; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 2, line 4;
- (7) Japanese Patent Publication (Kokai) JP 11-318332 A, 1999; accompanied by an English language Abstract; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 2, line 8;

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- (8) Japanese Patent Publication (Kokoku)) JP 26-2464 B, 1951; accompanied by an English language Abstract; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 3, line 3;
- (9) Japanese Patent Publication (Kokoku) JP 26-3319 B, 1951; accompanied by an English language Abstract; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 3, line 6;
- (10) Japanese Patent Publication (Kokoku) JP 40-5062 B, 1965; accompanied by an English language Abstract; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 3, line 8;
- (11) Japanese Patent Publication (Kokai) JP 59-215397 A, 1984;
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- (12) U.S. Patent No. 4,385,001 (Rosen), May 24, 1983;
- (13) Japanese Patent Publication (Kokoku) JP 36-3700 B, 1961; accompanied by an English language Abstract; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 4, line 10;
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 2,648,609 (Wurster), August 11, 1953; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 4, line 23;

- (15) U.S. Patent No. 3,789,117 (Tsujino), January 29, 1974; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 5, line 1;
- (16) Japanese Patent Publication (Kokai), JP 55-106298 A, 1980; accompanied by an English language Abstract; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 5, line 12;
- (17) Japanese Patent Publication (Kokai), JP 04-213382 A, 1992; accompanied by an English language Abstract; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 5, line 14;
- (18) Ascherio et al.; New England Journal of Medicine, Vol. 340, pp. 1994-1998, 1999; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 3, line 15;
- (19) C.M. Oomen et al.; Lancet, Vol. 357, pp. 746-751, 2001; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 3, line 17; and
- (20) T. Nakamura; Monthly Food Chemical, Vol. 17, pp. 59-63, 2001; accompanied by an English language Abstract; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the present application beginning at page 5, line 18.

Copies of the above-noted documents, except for the U.S. Patents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of the listed documents, and to make

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